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Program/Topic: Cecil County, MD Farmer's Request for Compensation

Names of briefing attendees: Abe Ferdas, Dennis Carney, Hank Sokolowski,
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Duration of briefing: 45 minutes

Purpose of Briefing: Cecil County, MD Farmer's Request for Compensation;
Letter from Governor Ehrlich

Background:

- Superfund Removal evaluation activities commenced last Spring related to the former Triumph Explosives site in Elkton, MD.
- Discarded military munitions and debris remain at the 'Firehole' site where open burning/open detonation took place in 1942-1946.
- The OSC has secured at least 55 acres within a 100 acre parcel that Mr. Spry leased and actively farmed for over thirty years.
- Mr. Spry is seeking to recover for his losses/lost crop.
- In 2004, MDE nominated the Elkton area to be Region III's One Cleanup Program Pilot site.
- The Corps of Engineers has identified the Triumph Explosives area within the Elkton Industrial Park as a Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS).
- Discussions are ongoing with the Corps regarding their responsibility and future involvement.

Key Issues: Payment of compensation

Action Items for RA: Respond to Gov. Ehrlich

List of Attachments: None

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